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SUBJECT: KREISKY'S POLITICAL STAR APPROACHING ZENITH

1. KREISKY'S POLITICAL FORTUNES APPEAR TO BE APPROACHING THEIR ZENITH. HE IS A POLITICAL SHOWMAN PAR EXCELLENCE WHO HAS FULLY APPLIED HIS MANY TALENTS AND EXPLOITED SHIFTING CONSTELLATIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD FOR STATE, PARTY AND SELF. FROM AUSTRIAN PERSPECTIVE, HE HAS PLAYED HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ROLE IN FOREIGN ARENA IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING AUSTRIAN INTERESTS. HE HAS KEPT A MINIMUM POLITICAL RISK HAND GOING IN MANY ACTIVITIES (ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, OPEC-INDUSTRIAL STATES DIALOGUE, EAST-WEST TALKS, SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL) ALLOWING MAXIMUM MEDIA EXPOSURE FOR KREISKY AND AUSTRIA.

2. ON DOMESTIC SCENE KREISKY FACES MAJOR UPHILL BATTLE IN REPEATING IN OCTOBER HISTORIC WIN OF 1971 OF SOCIALIST ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT. HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY MOST PROMINENT ROLE IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND, WHILE IMPONDERABLES EXIST AT THIS JUNCTURE, TO EXTRACT MAXIMUM OBTAINABLE FROM SOCIALIST EFFORT. SHOULD HE NOT GAIN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT AND/OR NOT BECOME

CHANCELLOR AGAIN, HE PROBABLY WILL REMAIN AS PARTY CHAIRMAN FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD AND TAKE AN EVEN MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN AFFAIRS OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF PAST HIS POWER ZENITH, KREISKY WILL  
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CONTINUE IN FUTURE TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN AUSTRIAN

POLITICAL AFFAIRS. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS. MOWINCKEL

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